

# A GREAT DAY COMING!

The Negroes of Kansas City and the West will Celebrate the

# 300th ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

## Landing of the First Negroes on American Soil

### PROGRAM:

1. Mammoth Choir of 1,000 Voices under the Direction of Prof. R. G. Jackson Orchestra; Major N. Clark Smith, Director.
2. National Speakers. Col. Frank Denison of the Famous Eighth Illinois Regiment, just from the battle fields in France.
3. Grand Historical Pageant of Negro's Achievements from 1619 to 1919
4. Impressive and Memorable Parade of the Returned Veterans from Camps and Battle Fields in France, with State Guards under command of Major D. A. Holmes. Boy Scouts under Mr. Lacey and Mr. Harris, Scout Masters.
5. Special Unusual Features and Displays of All Kinds of Articles Exhibited by Individuals, Churches, Church Clubs, Womens' Clubs, Labor Unions, Hospitals, Lodges, Leagues Schools and Prominent Citizens of the Middle West.

Space and Booths are Free to all and the entire race of Kansas City is Urged to Participate in the Racial Demonstration ALL DAY.

Admission Free to View the Many Achievements.

Popular Prices to Hear the Noted Speakers at Night and the Great Choir and Pageant  
Box Seats, 50c. Arena Floor, 35c. Balcony, 25c. Top Balcony, 15c.

# Convention Hall, Jan'y 29, 1919

**WESTERN UNIVERSITY.**  
Lillian Hatcher.  
Practically all of the students have returned from the Xmas vacations and report enjoyable times. Those

who remained here feel that aside from seeing their relatives, they lost nothing, as the holidays abounded in amusements, social and Xmas cheer. President Peck has left for Topeka.

there to meet the Legislature, make a report of the school's progress and press its claims. He is confident of a generous appropriation for the board of administration is immensely

pleased with his conduct of affairs and has pledged its support.

Like lightning from a clear sky came the news of the death of Colonel Roosevelt to us in our chapel exercises Monday. The school mourns his death and sympathizes sincerely with the bereaved. Commandant Jones immediately ordered the flag to be placed at half mast in recognition of the distinguished dead.

The January public rhetorical will be held in Studio auditorium on Friday evening, January 17, at 8 o'clock. The occasion will be "An Evening With Negro Composers." Among those from whom selections will be given are Burleigh, Cook, Coleridge-Taylor, Dett, Dunbar, Burleigh, Kealing, Ransom, Corrothers and Jamison. The participants are well trained and a delightful and inspiring evening is assured all who come.

Captain Ernest Latson honored us with a visit last Tuesday and spoke most interestingly at our chapel service. Having been a member of the faculty of Morehouse College, prior to entering the service, he was able to divine just what the students were in need of, and seldom has a talk been so genuinely enjoyed by all. He leaves next week for the East. It is perhaps known that he was acquitted of the unjust charges of insubordination, and would be in command here at Western University, had not the order for demobilization come.

### LINCOLN, NEBRASKA.

By W. W. Mosley.

Mrs. E. I. McWilliams left last week for Washington, D. C. Her husband expects to join her in the near future. A. E. Hale left for Kansas City, Kas., last Thursday, where he expects to go into partnership in a moving picture house. L. B. McGee is still confined in his room. The women of the A. M. E. Church are preparing for their Rally in the near future. A celebration in memory of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the Negro's advent in America, in connection with the 56th Anniversary since the Emancipation Proclamation issued by Abe Lincoln went into effect. A program was rendered in the A. M. E. Church on New Year's night, as follows:

Songs—America and Star Spangled Banner.  
Invocation.....J. B. Smith  
Emancipation Proclamation.....  
Solo.....Mrs. I. Malone  
Address.....P. L. Moore  
Reading—Message.....Mrs. L. Smith  
Address—Negroes' 300 Years in America.....T. T. McWilliams  
Paper—Negroes' Achievements.....  
Paper—Duty of Hour.....Mrs. Sarah Walker  
.....Mrs. Gertrude Haynes

### ROSEDALE, KANSAS.

Mrs. John Ralls, J. L. Pearson, Frank Moore and J. H. Thornton were very pleasantly entertained at a luncheon given by Mrs. Joseph Collins at her residence Tuesday. Mrs. Orlando Henderson is visiting Mrs. Mary Montgomery in Chicago, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davis delightfully entertained twenty-nine guests at a dinner Christmas at their residence.

Many gifts were received by all present from the Christmas tree and an enjoyable evening was spent. Mr. and Mrs. John Ralls were guests at dinner on Christmas given by Mr. and Mrs. P. Randolph. Mr. Ralph Wortham and Miss Lorena Taswell were quietly married Christmas Eve. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wortham are prominent young people of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. Wortham has been in business quite a while. Mrs. Wortham is director and pianist for the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, and has been serving in that capacity for nearly three years. She has made many friends during her stay with us. These splendid young people have our heartiest congratulations. The program rendered by the Pleasant Valley Baptist Sunday School on Christmas Eve was very good and each child was presented with fruit, candy and a gift and the officers of the Sunday School as well. At the conclusion of the program Mrs. George Schooler came forward and presented the pastor, Rev. J. R. Williams, with a beautiful hat and scarf, which had been given by members and friends. Through the efforts of Mrs. Schooler these were secured. Rev. Williams was so pleased and surprised that he could hardly express his thanks and appreciation, but after several attempts he finally thanked all for their kindness. The superintendent and teachers as well as the other officers of the Sunday School are to be commended for the earnest efforts put forth to make the affair a success. The services at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church Christmas morning were very impressive. The pastor delivered a very interesting sermon on the "Birth of Christ," and a nice offering was taken and presented to the pastor as a small gift. Mrs. Mattie Lindsey has returned to her home in St. Louis, Mo., after a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Mason Banks.

**VINE ST. BAPTIST CHURCH.**  
Mrs. Raynor and Mrs. Holland are still on the sick list and do not seem to improve. Mrs. Melvina Wells of Hannibal, Mo., spent Christmas week with her brother, Rev. H. C. Johnson, 2410 Woodland. We hope Mrs. Wells will visit our city again in the near future. On account of the extreme cold weather we are holding services in the auditorium. Don't fail to come to Sunday School and the B. Y. P. U.

### NORBORNE, MO.

By Maurie Marshall.

The pupils of Douglass School have organized a literary society and will render a program each Friday at 3 o'clock. The parents of these pupils should attend and hear these exercises; by so doing they will be encouraged to lead a nobler and more useful life, which is the aim and end of all true education. The following were elected:

President—Alfretta Akers.  
Vice-president—Cecil Moss.  
Secretary—Thomas Marshall.  
Assistant secretary—Eugene Swan.  
Treasurer—Helen Marlow.  
Critic—Edna Spencer.  
Sergeant-at-arms—Leonard Clayton.

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